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SUBJECT: GULF BRIBERY CHARGES

REF A. STATE 108449

B. LA PAZ 3201

1. AS OF 3 P.M. MAY 9 GULF REP IN LA PAZ HAS RECEIVED NO WORK FROM GULF HEADQUARTERS IN RESPONSE TO GOB REQUEST FOR CLAIRIFICATION OF BRIBERY CHARGES WITHIN 48 HOURS. SO FAR AS WE KNOW, GOB HAS RECEIVED NOTHING FROM GULF AND OTHER THAN SOME GARBLED PRESS ACCOUNTS, WE ARE UNABLE TO IDENTIFY ANY ACTION THAT GULF HAS TAKEN TO CLARIFY THIS MATTER.

2. REF DEPTTEL SETS FORTH IN PARA 2 PROPOSED ANSWER FROM GULF WHICH SO FAR AS WE KNOW HAS NOT BEEN TRANSMITTED AND, IF IT WERE, WOULD BE TOTALLY UNSATISFACTORY. THIS MATTER NEEDS TO BE CLEARED UP PROMPTLY AND THE FACTS MADE PUBLIC AND IT SIMPLY WILL NOT WASH HERE FOR GULF TO SAY THAT THE MATTER IS UNDER STUDY. A FORTHCOMING REPLY NEEDS TO BE MADE BEFORE 9 P.M. THIS EVENING, MAY 9, WHICH TIME HAS BEEN SET BY THE MINISTER OF LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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ENERGY AS THE END OF THE 48 HOUR PERIOD.

3. OUR FEAR IS THAT FAILURE ON THE PART OF GULF TO MAKE A FORTHCOMING STATEMENT WITHIN THE 48 HOUR PERIOD WILL STIMULATE THE GOB TO ATTEMPT TO INTERRUPT THE PAYMENTS ARRANGEMENTS IT HAS FOR THE GULF INDEMNIFICATION. THIS COULD SET IN TRAIN A SERIES OF VERY UNFORTUNATE STEPS WHICH MIGHT BE DIFFICULT FOR THE GOB TO RETREAT FROM. ACCORDINGLY, IT IS CLEARLY IN THE INTEREST OF ALL OF US FOR THE DEPT TO REQUEST URGENTLY OF GULF TO MAKE A DIRECT STATEMENT BY TELEX THIS AFTERNOON, PREFERABLY TO THE MINISTER OF ENERGY AND HYDROCARBONS ON THIS MATTER.

4. I WOULD VERY MUCH APPRECIATE BEING ADVISED OF THE ACTION TAKEN BEFORE COB TODAY MAY 9.
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